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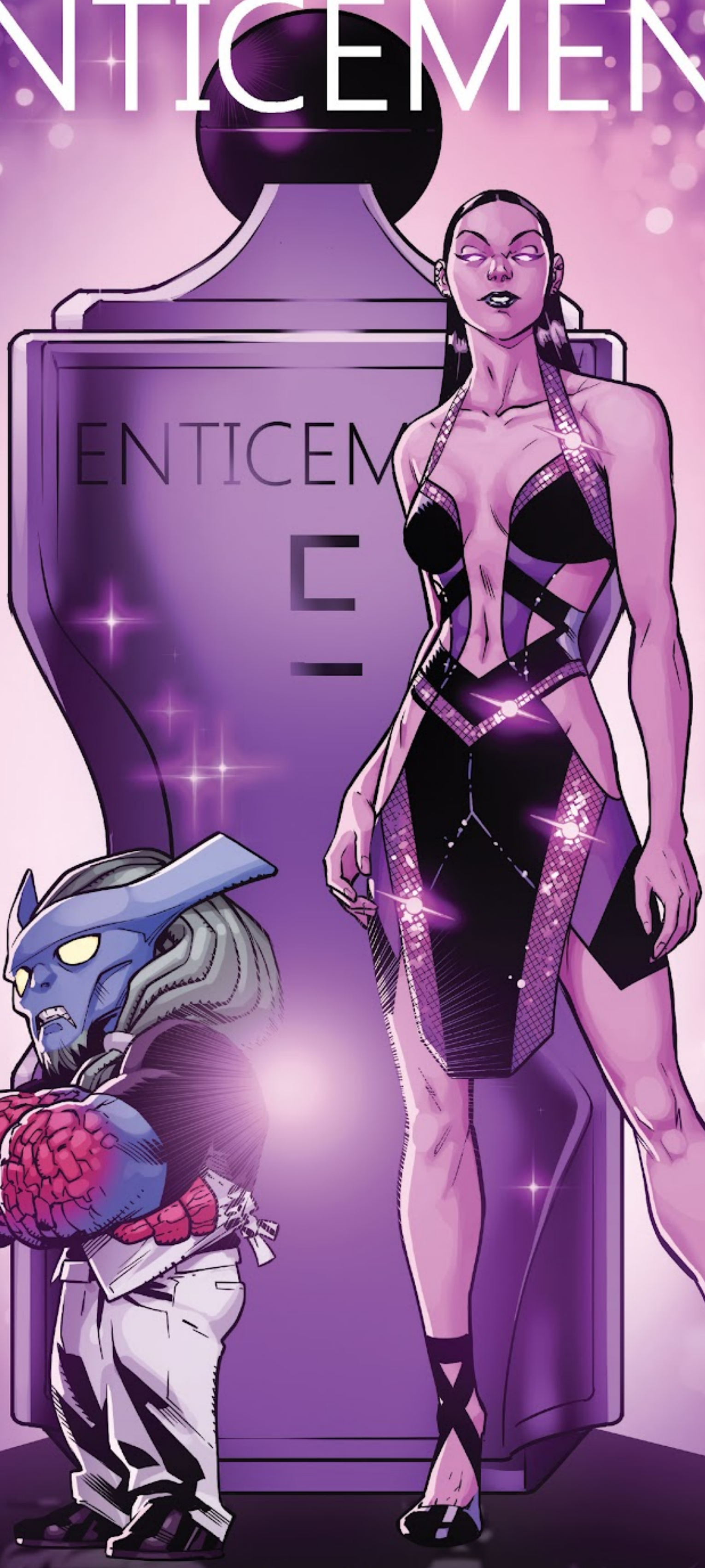
THUNDERBOLTS®

ENTER...

TERMINUS!

ENTICEMENT



Your mind knows what it really wants

WOOOOO!

YEAH, IT DOESN'T LEAVE A LOT TO THE *IMAGINATION.*

NOT AT ALL, BUT THAT'S OKAY BECAUSE YOU LOOK FANTASTIC... *THUNDER-IFIC,* EVEN.

FOR MY WHOLE LIFE, I'VE FELT ***ASHAMED*** OF MY BODY, MY POWER AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS.

ZEBEDIAH KILLGRAVE, THE ***PURPLE MAN,*** WAS MY ***FATHER.***

HIS EVIL ***DEEDS*** HAUNT ME ***EVERY SINGLE DAY.***

LOOKING LIKE ***THIS,*** I COULDN'T ***HIDE*** THAT LEGACY, SO I DECIDED IF I COULDN'T ***GET AWAY*** FROM IT, I NEEDED TO ***REDIRECT*** IT TOWARD SOMETHING ***BETTER.***

IF I'M ALWAYS THE ***CENTER OF ATTENTION,*** IT SHOULD BE FOR SOMETHING ***GOOD.***

AWWWW.

WELL, WE'RE CERTAINLY GLAD YOU DID, KARA!

PURPLE IS THE TRENDIEST COLOR OF THE SEASON THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR KEEN EYE FOR FASHION.

I'M SURE THIS ***ENTICEMENT PERFUME LAUNCH*** IS GOING TO CARRY THAT TO EVEN ***GREATER*** HEIGHTS.

YAAAAAY!

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EEGRO OFFERED TO **STRIP DOWN** AS WELL, BUT THE SMELL-SAUCE COMPANY **REFUSED.**

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

THE PERFUME EXECS MAY NOT APPRECIATE YOUR PHYSIQUE, BUT I HEAR **KIDS** ACROSS **AMERICA** ARE GOING **CRAZY** FOR **EEGRO TOYS!**

TELL US ABOUT THESE, **MR. EEGRO.**

THIS IS A **MINIATURE PLAY IDOL** OF **EEGRO THE UNBREAKABLE.**

THE HANDS IGNITE WITH **SPASMS OF LIGHT** WHEN A POORLY HIDDEN TRIGGER IS PRESSED.

EEGRO TOLD THEM TO INCLUDE EEGRO'S **ULTIMATE ATTACK,** BUT THEY REFUSED.

MY FAVORITE IS OUR **"EEGRO THE ALL-BRAIDABLE"** DOLL.

ITS HAIR IS **LONG** AND **SILKY,** SO YOU CAN COMB IT WITH THE **THUNDER-BRUSH.**

OF COURSE!

THIS MERCH IS ALL PART OF MAYOR CAGE'S **THUNDERBOLTS INITIATIVE,** RIGHT?

EXACTLY. PROFITS FROM **"EEGRO AND THE THUNDERBOLTS"** TOYS AND GAMES HELP BALANCE NEW YORK'S BUDGET AND KEEP ALL OF US **SAFE.**

YES.

SOMEONE MUST PAY FOR OUR FLESH-BORNE LEADER'S COPIOUS **MISTAKES.**

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

I WASN'T GOING TO BRING IT UP, BUT SINCE YOU MENTIONED IT...

...I GET THE IMPRESSION THINGS WERE...UH...NOT IDEAL WHEN LUKE CAGE UNVEILED THE NEW THUNDERBOLTS TEAM.

THAT'S TRUE.

IT STARTED OUT BUMPY, AND THE PUBLIC SAW THAT ROUGH START, BUT NOW IT'S A LOT BETTER.

WE'VE LEARNED TO TRUST EACH OTHER...

...REALLY TURNED THINGS AROUND.

IT'S A NICE SURPRISE.

BOBBI MORSE, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ME LATE FOR WORK, YOU'RE DOING A STELLAR JOB...

AREN'T YOU IN CHARGE, CLINT? TELL THEM YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

TEMPTING, BUT--

BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ

HEY, HELEN.

WHERE'S LIGHTNING GONNA STRIKE?

THUNDERBOLTS

"YOUR MIND KNOWS WHAT IT REALLY WANTS"

WHILE SERVING AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, **WILSON FISK**, THE FORMER KINGPIN OF CRIME, SANCTIONED THE **THUNDERBOLTS**, A GROUP OF SUPER VILLAINS DEPUTIZED TO CARRY OUT HIS WILL. NOW THAT **LUKE CAGE** IS MAYOR, HE'S LOOKING TO REDEEM THAT NAME WITH HIS OWN HANDPICKED TEAM, LED BY **HAWKEYE**. BUT BETWEEN LEADERSHIP DISPUTES BETWEEN HAWKEYE AND **MONICA RAMBEAU**, SUPER-APES CONQUERING CENTRAL PARK AND **AMERICA CHAVEZ** FAINTING SUDDENLY ON THE SUBWAY...THE TEAM'S REHABILITATION COULD BE GOING BETTER.

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UNLESS OUR DEMANDS ARE MET, I'LL MELT THESE *DOE-EYED INNOCENTS* INTO *STEAMING SLAG!*

SO SAYETH *THE MELTER!*

AND *WHIRLWIND!*

WE WANT *ONE MILLION BUCKS* IN UNMARKED B--

TWUNK

Uh-oh--

FOOM

OKAY, THUNDERBOLTS.

TIME TO GO TO WORK.

DON'T BE AFRAID.
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
HOLY SCHMOLEY, IT'S TH' *THUNDAHBOLTS!*
I'LL CUT YOU TO *RIBBONS!*
IF THIS WAS *ONE VEE ONE,* MAYBE YOU'D GIMME A RUN FOR MY MONEY...
...BUT THIS IS ALL ABOUT *TEAMWORK,* BABY.
SÍ.
KAROOM
BURST SET TO *MAXIMUM.* PERMISSION TO FIRE?
NOT YET. I THINK THE MELTER IS READY TO *SURRENDER.*
I-INDEED...

OKAY, I'M *IMPRESSED*, CLINT.

THE NEW THUNDERBOLTS ARE *CLEANIN'* UP THE STREETS AND *SOARIN'* UP THE CHARTS.

I WAS WORRIED WHETHER YOU'D BE ABLE TO GET THIS TEAM IN SHAPE, BUT IT'S REALLY *HAPPENING.*

YOU KNOW ME, LUKE.

A *BULLSEYE* EVERY TIME.

THAT SAID, THIS *ISN'T* A SOLO EFFORT.

MONICA STEPPED THINGS UP AND, IN A FLASH, EVERYONE ELSE FOUND THEIR PLACE.

I JUST WAS *INSPIRED* BY ALL YOUR *CHARISMA* AND *HARD WORK.*

IT REMINDED ME OF HOW THINGS *USED TO BE...*

OH YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT!

CLINT BARTON DESTROYS EVERYTHIN' HE TOUCHES!

...YOU KNOW, THE *GOOD OLD DAYS* BEFORE YOU *RUINED YOUR LIFE.*

HUH?

NO, *WAIT!* I'M A *LEADER!* I AM!

OF *COURSE* YOU ARE, CLINT.

THERE'S NO TIME FOR *INTROSPECTION* OR *EMOTIONAL MATURITY!*

WE'VE GOT *SUPER VILLAINS* TO FIGHT!

SWEET!

CALL

IN

THE THUNDER!!!

GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL! I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING OUR TEAM'S MANY RECENT *VICTORIES.*

WHO'S GOT THE *FIRST QUESTION?*

MR. BARTON, HOW'S IT FEEL TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR *PEOPLE* MAGAZINE'S *"SEXIEST SUPER HERO"* THIS YEAR?

ALL I CAN SAY IS IT'S *ABOUT DAMN TIME!*

HA HA HA HA HA

THE TABLOIDS HAVE POSTED PHOTOS OF YOU SPENDING TIME WITH BOBBI MORSE, YOUR *EX-WIFE.*

ARE YOU TWO *DATING* AGAIN?

NO COMMENT.

BUT THAT WOULD BE PRETTY *COOL*, RIGHT? A NICE RETURN TO FORM...

YOU'VE SPOKEN MULTIPLE TIMES ABOUT YOUR DESIRE TO LEAD THE *WEST COAST AVENGERS* AGAIN, SO HOW'S IT BEEN FRONTING THE *THUNDERBOLTS* INSTEAD?

DID I SAY THAT *PUBLICLY?* WEIRD...

HONESTLY, THE 'BOLTS HAVE BEEN *GOOD. REAL GOOD.*

IT FEELS LIKE AN *OLD-SCHOOL FRESH START* WITH A *FULL TANK OF GAS* ON AN *OPEN ROAD* WITH THE TOP DOWN AND A...A...

...LIKE A...A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF *TRAFFIC* OR SOMETHING.

YEAH. JUST LIKE THAT.

ANY CONCERN ABOUT ALL THE DEATH, DESTRUCTION AND TRAUMA YOU CAUSED WHILE DISGUISED AS *RONIN?*

I...

...I HAVE *NO IDEA* WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

WH-WHO'S NEXT?

DO YOU THINK *ANYONE* DESERVES AS MANY CHANCES AS YOU AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE *SCREWED UP?*

I *KNOW* I'VE BEEN LUCKY...

...*MORE* THAN LUCKY.

ENDLESS CRAZY ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITIES, LAST-SECOND SAVES... EVEN COMING BACK FROM THE *DEAD.*

A *ONE-IN-A-MILLION* SHOT A *DOZEN* TIMES OVER.

IS THAT *BARTON LUCK* OR A *BARTON CURSE?*

I MEAN, AT THIS POINT, IS THERE ANY DIFFEREN--?

THERE'S NO TIME FOR *GUILT* OR THE *CONSEQUENCES* OF YOUR OWN *ACTIONS!*

WE'VE GOT AN *EPIC EMERGENCY!*

Whew...

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CAN WE CALL THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* OR THE *AVENGERS?*

IT'S HOVERING OVER *NEW YORK AIRSPACE,* SO IT'S *OUR* JURISDICTION.

OKAAAY--

DON'T WORRY, BOSS. WE GOT THIS!

Oh
#$@%.

YOU HAD TO KNOW THIS WAS COMING.

EVENTUALLY, EVERYONE'S LUCK RUNS OUT.

EVEN YOURS.

FOR OH SO LONG, YOU'VE COASTED ON *GOOD LOOKS* AND *GOOD TIMING.*

LETTING *OTHER* PEOPLE TAKE THE FALL FOR *YOUR MISTAKES...*

...YOUR WEAKNESSES.

AT THIS MOMENT, ON THE PRECIPICE OF *ANNIHILATION,* YOU MAY THINK THIS IS SOME FORM OF *PUNISHMENT...*

...BUT IT'S NOT.

IT'S A CORRECTION.

AN OVERDUE BIT OF KARMA EARNED THROUGH YEARS OF NEGLIGENCE.

WHAT IS THAT?
THAT...THAT VOICE.
IT'S EVERYWHERE...
STAY FOCUSED, CLINT!
THE CITY, THE WHOLE WORLD...WE HAVE TO SAVE THEM!
DAMN RIGHT!
WE MAY NOT BE AVENGERS ANYMORE, BUT WE'RE GONNA DO SOME AVENGING!
NO.
YOU WON'T.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FOR YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FAILURES...
...AND DIE.
NO...

--HISPANIC FEMALE COLLAPSED ON THE B TRAIN. NOT BREATHING.

POWER MAN IS ATTEMPTING CPR, BUT SO FAR, SHE'S BEEN UNRESPONSIVE.

UNDERSTOOD.

DID SHE SAY POWER MAN? LIKE, LUKE CAGE?

I KNOW.

I GUESS SO, BUT DON'T GO ALL FANBOY. WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO HERE.

--28, 29, 30!

DON'T WORRY. WE GOT THIS.

WAIT A SEC, YOU'RE NOT LUKE CAGE!

NAH, DUDE! THAT'S THE OLD POWER MAN. I'M THE NEW ONE.

OKAY, WELL, IF YOU'RE ALL SUPER HEROED UP, WHY DIDN'T YOU FLY HER TO MOUNT SINAI'S EMERGENCY ROOM?

'CAUSE I DON'T FLY, MAN! I ABSORB CHI ENERGY AND...

...AND...

UUUUUH---

I BETCHA LUKE CAGE COULD'VE GOT HER THERE.

-SIGH-

DAMMIT, CLINT! WHERE ARE YOU?!

VICTOR'S *EMERGENCY SIGNAL* WENT OFF, BUT THE TRACE IS UNCLEAR!

KARA, MONICA, AMERICA, GUTS... *NO ONE'S* PICKING UP. I ASSUME THAT'S *NOT* A COINCIDENCE.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE IN ANOTHER *COUNTRY* OR ON ANOTHER *PLANET*, JUST *CALL ME* AS *SOON* AS YOU GET THIS!

HARRIS, IT'S *HELEN.*

NO, I HAVEN'T FOUND *ANY* OF THEM.

EEGRO DOESN'T HAVE A PHONE.

NO *CLUE.*

I SET UP CLINT'S APARTMENT, SO I'VE GOT AN *EXTRA KEY.*

I KNOW.

OF COURSE.

THAT'S WHY LUKE PAYS ME THE *BIG BU--*

UH...

...CAN I CALL YOU BACK?

THUNDERBOLTS
YOUR MIND KNOWS WHAT IT REALLY WANTS

TO BE CONCLUDED!

NEXT

The grand finale! With the Thunderbolts unreachable, unconscious and unknowing, Clint Barton's dream team crumbles as the shadow that's been cast over every move they've made is finally revealed! Who's behind their downfall…and what comes next?

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